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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 8 Percent in July

HARRISBURG, PA, Aug 22, 2008 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during July 2008 totaled 112.6 million pounds, up 8 percent from July 2007, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 106.5 million pounds live weight, was up 8 percent from July 2007. Total head slaughtered was 86,700, up 9 percent. Live weight averaged 1,240 pounds, down 3 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.6 million pounds live weight, down 13 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 12,400 head was down 12 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 8 pounds to 367 pounds.

Pork production was 63.7 million pounds live weight, up 13 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 254,400, up 13 percent from July 2007. Average live weight increased 1 pound from last year to 251 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during July 2008 was 442,000 pounds live weight, up 1 percent. The number slaughtered was 4,500, up 2 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 1 pound to 98 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in July 2008 totaled 4.25 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in July 2007. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.37 billion pounds, was up 5 percent. Veal production totaled 12.3 million pounds, up 16 percent from July a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 12 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.7 million pounds, was up 1 percent from July 2007.

January-July red meat production was 29.3 billion pounds, up 6 percent from July 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 11 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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